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EXPORT TRADE BY COMMODITY

The Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce announced today that the increase in United States annual exports of domestic merchandise, from $20,717 million in 1961 to $21,359 million in 1962 (a gain of about three percent) resulted from increases in exports of finished manufactures, manufactured foodstuffs, and crude foodstuffs which were partly offset by decreases in exports of crude materials and semimanufactures. Changes in the over-all dollar values of these economic classes of commodities from 1961 to 1962 are as follows: finished manufactures, from $11,838 to $12,706 million; manufactured foodstuffs, from $1,151 to $1,366 million; crude foodstuffs, from $1,898 to $2,008 million; crude materials, from $2,544 to $2,234 million; and semimanufactures, from $3,286 to $3,045 million. These totals include data on Military Assistance Program--Grant-Aid shipments which were valued at $810 million in 1961 as compared to $727 million in 1962.

With Military Assistance Program--Grant-Aid shipments excluded, the domestic merchandise export total during calendar year 1962 amounted to $20,632 million, a level about four percent higher than the calendar year 1961 total of $19,907 million.

The December 1962 domestic merchandise export total, including Military Assistance Program--Grant-Aid shipments, was valued at $1,876.8 million[1], a level about three percent higher than both the November total of $1,824.3 million and the December 1961 total of $1,828.3 million. With Military Assistance Program--Grant-Aid shipments excluded, the December domestic merchandise total was $1,838.6 million or about four percent more than the November total of $1,764.6 million.

The increase in exports of domestic merchandise including Military Assistance Program--Grant-Aid shipments, from November to December, as noted above, was primarily due to increases in exports of semimanufactures, crude foodstuffs and finished manufactures which were partly offset by decreases in exports of crude materials and manufactured foodstuffs. Exports of semimanufactures rose from $241.9 to $278.6 million due mainly to higher levels of exports of commodities included in this economic class as follows: copper semimanufactures, from $13.5 to $21.8 million; industrial chemicals, exclusive of Special Category Type 1, from $25.9 to $32.0 million; crude vegetable oils and fats, from $5.7 to $10.7 million; aluminum semimanufactures, from $8.4 to $11.7 million; synthetic rubber from $13.1 to $16.3 million; and wood pulp from $13.9 to $17.1 million. The increase in exports of crude foodstuffs, from $144.5 to $180.5 million was largely accounted for by a sizable increase in exports of wheat, from $52.6 to $88.0 million; which was partly offset by a decrease in exports of corn, from $51.1 to $43.9 million. Exports of finished manufactures advanced from $1,081.7 to $1,096.4 million, reflecting, in part, increases in exports of metalworking machines and parts, except machine tools and parts, from $18.0 to $23.1 million; automobile parts for assembly and replacement, from $60.4 to $65.0 million; paper and manufactures, from $22.9 to $26.4 million; and agricultural machines, implements and parts, from $9.9 to $13.2 million. However, decreases were noted in exports of aircraft, parts and accessories, from $103.8 to $95.0 million; and antibiotics, from $9.9 to $4.5 million.

During the period, exports of crude materials decreased from $233.6 to $212.4 million as decreases in exports of oilseeds, from $71.9 to $48.9 million and coal, from $35.3 to $27.4 million, were partly offset by an increase in exports of unmanufactured cotton from $41.1 to $52.0 million. The decline in exports of manufactured foodstuffs from $122.7 to $108.9 million was largely due to decreases in exports of refined vegetable oils, fats and waxes, from $8.3 to $3.3 million; lard, from $4.7 to $1.7 million; and meat and meat products, from $12.7 to $10.5 million.

[1]See the December 1962 issue of Report No. FT-900-E for seasonally-adjusted figures on total exports, excluding Military Assistance Program--Grant-Aid shipments. Seasonally-adjusted data are not available on a commodity basis.

EXPLANATION OF STATISTICS

COVERAGE: Export statistics include government as well as nongovernment shipments to foreign countries. The export statistics, therefore, include Department of Defense Military Assistance Program-Grant-Aid shipments (for which separate figures are shown in the footnotes of this report), Mutual Security Program economic assistance shipments, and shipments of agricultural commodities under P.L. 480 (The Trade Development and Assistance Act of 1954, as amended) and related laws. (The separate information which is available on exports under P.L. 480 and related laws may be obtained from the Economic Research Service and the Foreign Agricultural Service of the Department of Agriculture. Shipments to United States armed forces and diplomatic missions abroad for their own use are excluded from export statistics. United States trade with Puerto Rico and United States possessions is not included in this report, but the export trade of Puerto Rico with foreign countries is included as a part of the United States export trade. Merchandise shipped in transit through the United States between foreign countries, not entered as imports, is not included in export statistics.

VALUATION: The valuation definition used in the export statistics is the value at the seaport, border point, or airport of exportation. It is based on the selling price (or cost if not sold) and includes inland freight, insurance, and other charges to the port of exportation. Transportation and other costs beyond the United States port of exportation are excluded. None of the values have been adjusted for changes in price level.

RELIABILITY: The statistics presented in this report are based partly on sample data and therefore are subject to sampling variation that may cause them to differ somewhat from the results which would have been obtained from processing all export documents. For the figures shown in this report the sampling variability can be ignored since the probable variability due to sampling is either less than $50,000 (the largest variation from rounding of figures) or less than a trivial percentage of the individual totals shown. In addition to the effects of sampling variation, the data in this report are subject to errors from such sources as the carry-over of data from month to month, errors in reporting or processing, the estimation of shipments valued under $100 (estimated data for such shipments are included in the over-all export total and in the totals for "Finished manufactures" and "All other finished manufactures, exclusive of Special Category Type 1" but excluded from other totals), and the omission of parcel post shipments valued under $50. Although the effect of such errors on the rounded totals in this report is probably small, the possibility of inaccuracy should be taken into account, particularly in using figures of relatively small magnitude.

Further information regarding coverage, valuation, compilation procedures and precision of export data is contained in the foreword of Report No. FT 410. For complete statement, see foreword in Foreign Commerce and Navigation of the United States.

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UNITED STATES EXPORTS OF DOMESTIC MERCHANDISE, BY ECONOMIC CLASSES AND LEADING COMMODITIES: DECEMBER 1962 AND SELECTED PERIODS

(Quantity in units indicated; values in millions of dollars. Data revised to reflect corrections published with the statistics through those for December 1962. Totals represent sum of unrounded figures, hence may vary slightly from sum of rounded amounts.)

Economic class and commodity[1]		December 1962	November 1962	December 1961	Monthly average 1961
Total	value	[2]1,876.8	[3]1,824.3	[4]1,828.3	[5]1,726.4
Crude materials	value	212.4	233.6	231.0	212.0
Hides and skins, raw, except furs	value	5.5	7.5	7.8	7.2
Animal and fish oils and greases, inedible	1,000 lb.	112,734	115,689	168,368	149,670
	value	6.8	7.2	12.0	10.9
Oilseeds	value	48.9	71.9	41.1	30.5
Tobacco, unmanufactured:	1,000 lb.	52,588	52,993	43,012	41,751
	value	42.6	44.6	34.9	32.6
Cotton, unmanufactured	1,000 bales	407	325	562	560
	value	52.0	41.1	77.5	73.7
Coal	1,000 s.tons	2,871	3,851	2,691	3,034
	value	27.4	35.3	25.9	28.3
Crude petroleum	1,000 bbl.	145	260	262	268
	value	0.3	0.7	0.6	0.7
All other crude materials	value	28.8	25.2	31.1	28.2
Crude foodstuffs	value	180.5	144.5	179.0	158.1
Corn	1,000 bu.	35,423	41,746	34,335	24,430
	value	43.9	51.1	43.4	30.3
Wheat	1,000 bu.	47,917	27,907	54,643	52,378
	value	88.0	52.6	96.9	92.9
Other grains	value	22.3	17.6	16.1	13.8
Vegetables, fresh or dried	1,000 lb.	140,522	118,924	100,073	108,582
	value	8.8	7.6	6.1	5.7
Fruits, fresh or frozen	1,000 lb.	120,979	101,016	123,145	126,876
	value	10.8	8.3	10.6	9.9
Crude foodstuffs exported for relief or charity by individuals and private agencies	value	1.6	2.0	0.9	0.6
All other crude foodstuffs	value	5.1	5.3	5.0	5.0
Manufactured foodstuffs	value	108.9	122.7	104.6	95.9
Meat and meat products	1,000 lb.	34,922	41,659	44,841	41,834
	value	10.5	12.7	13.1	12.3
Lard	1,000 lb.	15,931	49,383	13,589	34,720
	value	1.7	4.7	1.4	3.9
Dairy products	1,000 lb.	42,446	43,144	24,856	37,657
	value	7.7	6.5	6.6	7.3
Fish, canned, prepared, etc	1,000 lb.	4,768	3,507	4,617	2,381
	value	2.1	2.0	1.3	1.1
Milled rice	1,000,000 lb.	213	209	255	147
	value	13.7	14.0	18.3	8.7
Wheat flour	1,000 cwt.	2,150	1,570	2,345	2,512
	value	9.2	6.6	9.2	9.5
Vegetables, canned and prepared	value	4.3	3.7	3.2	3.4
Fruits, dried and evaporated	1,000 lb.	16,847	25,194	23,301	17,191
	value	3.8	5.3	4.4	3.4
Canned fruits	1,000 lb.	48,442	46,311	28,524	37,190
	value	5.8	6.0	3.8	5.1
Fruit juices	1,000 gal.	2,569	2,701	2,663	2,838
	value	3.1	3.0	3.6	3.8
Vegetable oils, fats and waxes, refined	1,000 lb.	20,755	63,941	26,273	44,497
	value	3.3	8.3	4.2	6.7
Sugar and related products	value	2.0	2.1	1.5	1.6
Manufactured foodstuffs exported for relief or charity by individuals and private agencies	value	17.4	19.2	16.3	12.8
All other manufactured foodstuffs	value	24.3	28.7	17.7	16.2
Semimanufactures, exclusive of Special Category Type 1[6]	value	278.6	241.9	280.7	273.9
Leather	value	3.7	2.8	3.2	3.9
Synthetic rubber	1,000 lb.	65,581	52,579	62,551	55,437
	value	16.3	13.1	16.3	14.3

See footnotes at end of table.

UNITED STATES EXPORTS OF DOMESTIC MERCHANDISE, BY ECONOMIC CLASSES AND LEADING COMMODITIES: DECEMBER 1962 AND SELECTED PERIODS—Continued

Economic class and commodity[1]	December 1962	November 1962	December 1961	Monthly average 1961
Semimanufactures, exclusive of Special Category Type 1[6]—Continued				
Naval Stores, gums and resins.....value..	4.8	4.0	4.3	4.4
Vegetable oils and fats, crude.....1,000 lb..	114,057	60,354	49,181	44,921
value..	10.7	5.7	6.4	5.8
Cotton semimanufactures.....1,000 lb..	36,146	36,797	29,049	27,916
value..	5.1	5.2	4.3	4.0
Wool semimanufactures.....1,000 lb..	10,958	13,864	11,254	11,901
value..	1.7	1.8	1.5	1.8
Rayon, nylon and other man-made textile semimanufactures.....1,000 lb..	22,190	19,177	18,440	15,663
value..	17.5	14.7	15.1	12.0
Sawmill products.....1,000 bd.ft..	64,085	68,366	63,830	62,930
value..	7.5	8.4	7.2	7.2
Wood pulp.....1,000 s.tons..	122	106	98	98
value..	17.1	13.9	13.0	13.3
Fuel oil, distillate and residual.....1,000 bbl..	2,432	2,145	2,029	1,738
value..	7.2	6.0	5.6	4.8
Sulfur.....1,000 l.tons..	92	138	141	132
value..	2.1	3.2	3.2	2.9
Steel mill products, semifinished.....value..	1.3	1.3	3.0	1.7
Iron and steel bars, including bar size shapes.....1,000 lb..	25,992	17,398	14,505	15,220
value..	2.7	2.2	1.8	1.9
Iron and steel plates, sheets and strips.....1,000 lb..	121,018	178,358	142,506	110,625
value..	14.6	16.8	16.7	12.9
Tin mill products, including tin mill black plate.....1,000 lb..	59,696	62,373	91,109	80,085
value..	4.3	4.6	7.5	6.3
Other iron and steel semimanufactures.....value..	10.2	11.5	22.7	32.9
Aluminum semimanufactures.....value..	11.7	8.4	9.4	9.4
Copper semimanufactures.....value..	21.8	13.5	27.1	23.0
Coal-tar and other cyclic chemical products.....value..	15.9	14.5	16.1	15.5
Plastics and resin materials.....1,000 lb..	75,497	69,431	75,343	69,744
value..	25.9	23.8	23.2	22.8
Industrial chemicals, exclusive of Special Category Type 1[6]...value..	32.0	25.9	24.2	24.9
Pigments.....1,000 lb..	43,358	39,800	57,469	55,870
value..	5.5	4.0	5.5	5.6
Nitrogenous chemical fertilizer materials[7].....1,000 lb..	65,512	172,305	93,235	62,553
value..	1.7	3.8	3.0	2.0
All other semimanufactures, excl. Special Category Type 1[6,7]..value..	37.0	32.8	40.2	40.5
Finished manufactures.....value..	1,096.4	1,081.7	1,033.1	986.5
Truck, bus, and automobile tires (casings), new.....thousands..	103	100	76	81
value..	3.4	3.5	2.8	2.8
Other rubber manufactures.....value..	9.5	9.3	8.9	8.7
Cigarettes.....millions..	2,451	2,155	1,891	1,851
value..	10.8	9.5	8.2	8.1
Other tobacco manufactures.....value..	1.2	1.2	0.8	0.9
Cotton cloth.....value..	9.7	8.7	11.0	10.5
Other cotton manufactures.....value..	7.7	7.7	7.7	8.1
Wool manufactures.....value..	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7
Rayon, nylon and other man-made textile manufactures.....value..	14.7	13.7	14.2	13.2
Other textile manufactures.....value..	6.4	6.2	6.1	6.3
Wood manufactures, advanced.....value..	2.5	2.4	3.1	3.0
Paper and manufactures.....value..	26.4	22.9	25.2	23.4
Motor fuel and gasoline, including jet fuels (all types).....value..	2.1	1.9	1.7	3.9
Lubricating oil.....value..	22.6	17.9	16.1	18.2
Glass and products.....value..	8.2	7.4	7.4	7.0
Steel mill manufactures.....value..	12.0	11.5	12.5	11.0
Metal manufactures, n.e.c.....value..	39.7	38.3	44.0	35.5
Electric household refrigerators and freezers.....number..	16,492	19,325	17,234	22,428
value..	2.6	2.8	2.7	3.5
Radio and television apparatus.....value..	29.5	31.9	29.1	28.2
Other electrical machinery and apparatus.....value..	83.5	82.8	65.2	62.6
Power generating machinery, n.e.c.....value..	28.9	33.7	25.3	20.2
Construction, excavating, mining, oil field, and related machinery.....value..	70.2	69.9	58.8	64.9
Machine tools (including metal-forming machine tools) and parts, exclusive of Special Category Type 1[6].....value..	26.1	26.2	28.3	24.8
Metalworking machines and parts, except machine tools and parts.....value..	23.1	18.0	21.4	15.3
Textile, sewing and shoe machinery.....value..	13.2	11.9	14.7	15.0
Other industrial machinery and parts.....value..	103.6	94.1	91.0	88.8

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Economic class and commodity[1]		December 1962	November 1962	December 1961	Monthly average 1961
Finished manufactures—Continued					
Office, accounting, and computing machines and parts	value..	29.0	27.8	29.3	25.9
Agricultural machines, implements and parts	value..	13.2	9.9	10.2	12.0
Tractors	number..	3,397	2,658	3,168	5,536
	value..	16.6	15.6	10.9	17.3
Tractor parts and accessories	value..	11.2	12.2	12.6	12.6
Motor trucks and busses, commercial (new)	number..	8,496	9,089	8,042	13,058
	value..	21.4	22.3	18.5	25.0
Passenger cars, nonmilitary (new)	number..	10,986	13,332	13,548	9,301
	value..	23.4	27.7	27.6	18.8
Automobile parts for assembly and replacement	value..	65.0	60.4	55.3	46.1
Military automobiles, trucks, busses, trailers, parts, accessories and service equipment; commercial maintenance and repair trucks (new)	value..	16.6	26.6	3.3	5.5
Aircraft, parts and accessories	value..	95.0	103.8	127.0	107.5
Merchant ships, nonmilitary, n.e.c	number..	7	12	16	10
	value..	0.7	4.1	5.0	2.4
Railway transportation equipment	value..	11.4	13.8	18.1	14.2
Antibiotics	value..	4.5	9.9	5.4	5.8
Other medicinal and pharmaceutical preparations	value..	18.5	17.5	17.4	17.1
Soap and toilet preparations	value..	1.9	2.0	1.9	2.0
Small arms, machine guns, parts and accessories, n.e.c	value..	4.8	4.1	3.4	3.4
Ammunition, components and parts	value..	10.3	18.6	12.5	16.7
Special Category Type 1[6]	value..	18.6	16.9	17.5	25.2
All other finished manufactures, exclusive of Special Category Type 1[6]	value..	176.1	154.1	150.4	144.5

[1]Based on commodity classifications in Schedule B, Statistical Classification of Domestic and Foreign Commodities Exported from the United States. A Supplement to Report No. FT 930-E showing the Schedule B numbers included in the individual economic class and commodity totals is available on request. [2]Includes $38.3 million of Military Assistance Program Grant-Aid shipments ($9.5 million to Western Europe). [3]Includes $59.7 million of Military Assistance Program Grant-Aid shipments ($20.3 million to Western Europe). [4]Includes $49.6 million of Military Assistance Program Grant-Aid shipments ($15.3 million to Western Europe). [5]Includes $67.5 million of Military Assistance Program Grant-Aid shipments ($27.5 million to Western Europe). [6]See the January 1961 issue of Report No. FT 410 for explanation of Special Category commodities and list of commodities included. [7]In issues of this report prior to January 1962, information on exports of merchandise reported under Schedule B commodity number 82721 (Vulcanized fiber sheets, rolls, strips, rods, tubes, and other shapes solely made therefrom) was erroneously included in "Nitrogenous chemical fertilizer materials" instead of "All other semimanufactures." The 1961 figures shown in this report have been revised to correct this error.